

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

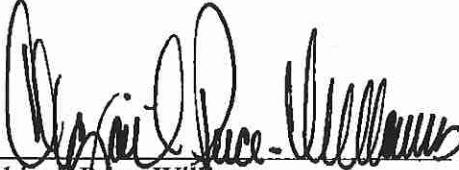
DATE: June 5, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting
President Donald Trump's
executive order prohibiting
certain financial transactions
with the government of
Venezuela; further supporting
Governor Rick Scott's efforts to
place economic pressure on the
Maduro regime; condemning the
results of the sham presidential
election in Venezuela

Resolution No. R-556-18

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.


Abigail Price-Williams
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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved  Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-5-18

RESOLUTION NO. R-556-18

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA; FURTHER SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S EFFORTS TO PLACE ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE MADURO REGIME; CONDEMNING THE RESULTS OF THE SHAM PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN VENEZUELA

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2018, President Donald Trump issued an executive order prohibiting people in the United States from purchasing any debt owed to the Government of Venezuela or any debt owed to the country that is pledged as collateral; and

WHEREAS, the executive order was issued just one day after Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro was re-elected to a second term in office in what U.S. officials have described as a "sham" election; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, Florida Governor Rick Scott issued a letter to all United States governors urging them to take action to hold the Maduro regime in Venezuela accountable for its actions; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott's letter emphasized how Florida's executive and legislative branches have worked together to apply economic pressure on the Venezuelan government by imposing a ban on Florida state agencies' ability to invest with companies that do business with the Maduro regime; and

WHEREAS, this Board has passed Resolution Nos. R-253-14, R-526-17, R-527-17, R-528-17, and R-528-17, all of which are designed to support positive intervention and a rectifying of the crumbling socioeconomic landscape in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2018, Nicolas Maduro was re-elected to another presidential term despite less than 50 percent of voters casting a ballot; and

WHEREAS, 14 Latin-American countries, the United States, Canada, and the European Union have all disputed or characterized the election as illegitimate; and

WHEREAS, free, open, and fair elections are foundational principles of democracy; and

WHEREAS, this Board is wholly supportive of steps taken by President Trump and Governor Scott to hold the Maduro regime accountable and hasten the return of Venezuela to a peaceful, democratic state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Supports President Donald Trump's executive order prohibiting certain financial transactions with the government of Venezuela.

Section 2. Supports Governor Rick Scott's efforts to place economic pressure on the Maduro regime.

Section 3. Condemns the results of the May 20, 2018 sham presidential election in Venezuela.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and Florida Governor Rick Scott.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner José "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman **aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman **absent**
Daniella Levine Cava **aye** Jose "Pepe" Diaz **aye**
Sally A. Heyman **aye** Barbara J. Jordan **aye**
Joe A. Martinez **aye** Jean Monestime **aye**
Dennis C. Moss **aye** Rebeca Sosa **aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto **aye** Xavier L. Suarez **aye**
District 5 - Vacant

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JZ", written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata